FISCAL NOTE

HB 876 - SB 1272

March 18, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for the manufacture, delivery, sale or possession for resale of methamphetamine from a Class C felony to a Class B felony if the offense occurred on land owned by a governmental entity, in a place open to the public such as a park, wildlife refuge, or wilderness area or in a multifamily dwelling complex or public housing. The bill also requires that a person convicted under these provisions be ordered to make restitution to any governmental entity for the cost incurred in cleaning the area where the offense occurred and making it safe for human use.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$24,800/Incarceration*

Assumes one Class C felony conviction elevated to a Class B felony conviction each year.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director